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1. ARMY COMMANDER GENERAL RAUL ALVEREZ PENARANDA REPORTEDLY TOLD
LA PAZ PRESS SPET 14 THAT HE HAD EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN TO
PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES FOR FEAR OF AN UNRESTRAINED ARMS RACE IN
THIS PART OF THE CONTINENT. HE CONTINUED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT
EACH GOVERNMENT HAD ENOUGH SENSE TO WORK FOR PEACE WHICH WAS THE
OBJECT OF HIS VISIT.

2. DURING THE SAME INTERVIEW, GEN ALVEREZ ANNOUNCED THAT
PERUVIAN PRIME MINISTER GEN GUILLERMO ARBULU GALLIANI WOULD VISIT
BOLIVIA BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. GEN ALVEREZ DESCRIBED HIS
FIVE DAY VISIT TO PERU AS SUCCESSFUL AND AS EVIDENCE OF THE
GENUINE FRIENDSHIP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: ALVEREZ REPORTED DISCUSSION WITH PERUVIAN AUTHOR-
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ITIES OVER ARMS RACE CONFIRMS OUR RECENT REPORT OF THE CONCERN OF

PRESIDENT BANZER AND MAY OTHER BOLIVIANS OVER THIS ISSUE. (PARA 3
REFTEL).
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